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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-552-823]

Laminated Woven Sacks from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Postponement of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value Investigation

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is postponing the deadline for issuing the final determination in the less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation of laminated woven sacks (LWS) from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam) until February 25, 2019, and is extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period of not more than six months.

DATE: Applicable [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 27, 2018, Commerce initiated a LTFV investigation of imports of LWS from Vietnam.¹ The period of investigation is July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. On October

¹ See *Laminated Woven Sacks from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation*, 83 FR 14257 (April 3, 2018).

11, 2018, Commerce published its *Preliminary Determination* in this LTFV investigation of LWS from Vietnam.²

Postponement of Final Determination

Section 735(a)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2) provide that a final determination may be postponed until not later than 135 days after the date of the publication of the preliminary determination if, in the event of an affirmative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by the exporters or producers who account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise, or in the event of a negative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by the petitioners. Further, 19 CFR 351.210(e)(2) requires that such postponement requests by exporters be accompanied by a request for extension of provisional measures from a four-month period to a period of not more than six months, in accordance with section 733(d) of the Act.

On October 2, 2018, Duong Vinh Hoa Packaging Company Limited, a mandatory respondent in this investigation, requested that Commerce postpone the deadline for the final determination until no later than 135 days from the publication of the *Preliminary Determination*, and extend the application of the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period of not more than six months.³ In accordance with section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), because (1) the preliminary determination was affirmative; (2) the request was made by the exporters and producers who account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise; and (3) no compelling reasons for denial exist, Commerce is

² See *Laminated Woven Sacks from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 83 FR 51436 (October 11, 2018) (*Preliminary Determination*).

³ See Letter from Duong Vinh Hoa Packaging Company Limited, “Antidumping Duty Investigation of Laminated Woven Sacks from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Case No. A-552-823: Request to Postpone Final Determination” dated October 2, 2018.

postponing the final determination until no later than 135 days after the date of the publication of the *Preliminary Determination*, and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period of not more than six months. Accordingly, Commerce will issue its final determination no later than February 25, 2019.⁴

This notice is issued and published pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(g).

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Dated: October 17, 2018.

⁴ Postponing the final determination to 135 days after the publication of the *Preliminary Determination* would place the deadline on Saturday/Sunday, February 23, 2019. Commerce's practice dictates that where a deadline falls on a weekend or federal holiday, the appropriate deadline is the next business day. See *Notice of Clarification: Application of "Next Business Day" Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, as Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).

